

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBA
THOMPSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Alba Thompson, who passed away on January 2, 2013.

Alba experienced a great deal throughout her ninety-four years. Born in Plymouth, August 13, 1918, Alba was a truly distinguished woman, graduating from college at a time when higher education was not an option for many women. In her lifetime, Alba went on to receive five advanced degrees.

Education was not Alba's only pursuit, and she embarked on a distinguished military career at the onset of World War II. In 1942, Alba was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. By the time she separated from active duty, she had achieved the rank of Major and had been awarded seven ribbons for her dedicated service.

Alba's studies and military service brought her to countless places throughout the world, but she returned home to serve her local community, being elected to the Plymouth Board of Selectmen. She was the beloved wife of Loren Thompson, and together they raised two sons.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Alba Thompson for her many years of service to her country.

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN BORROWING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan legislation on the floor today that will provide much needed relief for my constituents. H.R. 41 will replenish the National Flood Insurance Fund, which would otherwise run out of funds and be unable to pay out claims next week. That would be simply unacceptable for the homeowners and businesses that I represent who have already gone through so much.

New Yorkers were devastated by Hurricane Sandy and we are just beginning to recover. I am glad that the House Republican leadership has responded to the bipartisan outcry for action to help families, businesses and communities in my district. We must act swiftly on the remaining federal resource needs for the Sandy victims.

We all can agree that this recovery needs to be bold and it needs to be implemented quickly—and that's what we are working on. To-

gether, both sides of the aisle from the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Congressional delegations have come together to address this immediate and urge need to meet the needs of flood insurance claims by all of our constituents.

FEMA has said there are a total of 120,000 flood insurance claims payments that will be delayed until Congress increases the borrowing authority for the program—of which 115,000 are related to Superstorm Sandy. Any delay is unacceptable and that is why I urge swift passage of this bill and prompt action in the Senate.

I implore my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill. We simply need to help my constituents and allow all of those who have been devastated by this storm to move forward with their lives and rebuild stronger than ever.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN C. HAMMERSLOUGH

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and outstanding community leader, John Hammerslough.

His passing marks the end of an era in Weston, Connecticut and the loss of a dear friend to many across Connecticut.

John was a fixture in Weston's civic community for half a century, died on January 2 after a brief illness. He was 84 years old and had lived in Weston with his wife Nancy since 1959.

John understood the importance of serving the public and at one point or another he was a member of Weston's Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Police Commission, among other roles, and was active in local, state and national political campaigns. Along with his wife, he was named "Democrat of the Year" in 2009 by the Democratic Town Committee, and the town of Weston proclaimed May 11, 2009, as "John and Nancy Hammerslough Day."

John Hammerslough was a pioneer in the emerging field of computer-driven analysis of financial securities. His role as director of computer research at Shields & Co. was unusual enough at the time that The New York Times profiled him and "his electronic computer" in June 1967. The computer, the article noted, "is no bigger than an office desk."

John Hammerslough was born in New York City in 1928, the son of Charles R. Hammerslough, a clothier and sometime theatrical producer, and the former Sylvia Rittenberg. He attended the Bronx School of Science and the Taft School, and graduated from Brown University.

After college, he entered the army and served in the Korean War, first as an infantry-

man and later as a public information officer. The experience spurred him in later years to speak out against American involvement in Vietnam and, more recently, against the invasion of Iraq.

Although Mr. Hammerslough was involved in the financial securities business for nearly half a century, he did not immediately go to work on Wall Street as a young man. Rather, his experience as a writer and audio producer for the army during the Korean War led him to join CBS as part of its fledgling television news operation.

After a stint in the news business, he returned to school to do post-graduate work in mathematics at New York University, which led him to Wall Street, where his specialty was the use of computer analysis for valuing securities. His group at Shields & Co. operated the first computer at a Wall Street firm dedicated solely to investment research. He continued to focus on computer-assisted financial research through the 1970s.

Of his work, Mr. Hammerslough told the New York Times in 1967: "The computer is suggestive rather than dictatorial. It's loaded with technique, but it has no judgment. The machine, therefore, represents an extension of our intelligence."

Since the early 1980s, Mr. Hammerslough worked as a financial expert in litigation support, providing advice and testimony in more than 1,000 matters involving securities and alleged violations of securities law.

A devoted Westonite, he was a familiar figure not only at Town Hall but also at the town center, where he could be seen most mornings drinking coffee with friends and talking politics and sports, at holiday parades and celebrations, where he sold ice cream and handed out buttons for the Democratic Party, and along the roads near his home, where he enjoyed walking his beloved dog.

I join all of his friends and colleagues in extending my deepest sympathies to John's wife Nancy, his son, Charles, daughter, Jane, and four grandchildren Phin, Alex, Zach and Shira.

RECOGNIZING BRILLO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brillo, based in London, Ohio, for its centennial year as one of the world's most trusted and prominent household cleaning brands.

On January 31, 1913, the Brillo Manufacturing Company was born when a cookware peddler and a jeweler partnered with an attorney in New York and patented their idea for cleaning blackened aluminum pots and pans. 100 years later, Brillo is celebrating its 100th anniversary with the 55 employees who make it possible for the company to continue providing household cleaning products made right here in the United States of America.

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